

Bay Area Genealogical Society Board Meeting Minutes Monday, May 23, 2011

President Tina Chatham called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. Thirteen BAGS members were present, and enough board members were present to achieve a quorum: Lynn Finger, Bill Mayo, Susie Ganch, Tina Chatham, Melodey Hauch, Alice Braud-Jones, Tammy Frey, Neil Miserendino, Mary Martin, Loren Martin, Regina Flynn, Eleanor Caldwell, and Resa Hennings.

Bill Mayo gave the Treasurer's Report. This week there will be an \$8.50 charge for food service. There was one small correction: Melodey said that it should read *Quarterly* mailings instead of *Newsletter* mailings under Expenses. Bill Mayo made the correction. The speaker for January 2011, James P. Bevill has an outstanding expense. Bill went over how he will handle non-monetary gifts; the amounts will not shoe in total columns. Susie Ganch changed the speaker scheduled for August to speak in September. **Think about budgets for the new fiscal year.** The Finance Committee could help with that. Bill Mayo is the Chairman. Loren Martin, Tammy Frey, and Neil Miserendino were on the Finance Committee before. The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended with no one opposed.

The checking account balance on 1 April 2011 was \$2,919.29. The Income was \$84.00 coming from a Membership Fee \$25.00; Basket Donations \$4.00; Cookbook Sales \$15.00; and New Member Handouts \$40.00. The Expenses were: Copy Dr. March *Newsletter* \$4.80; UBC Room Set-Up \$55.00; UBC Food Service \$5.50; Quarterly Mailings \$36.75; and Gay Carter Guest Speaker \$50.00 for Total Expense of \$152.05. This left a Balance on Hand for 30 April 2011 of \$2,851.24. The Total Value of the Certificates of Deposit is \$6,303.34. No interest is paid on the CD's in April.

The April Board Meeting Minutes were approved with Mary Martin's new corrections.

New Business:

1. Alice Braud-Jones passed around sign-up sheets for a June 21 charter bus trip that her Sam Houston DAR Chapter is planning to go to the Galveston-Houston Co Cathedral.
2. Alice Braud-Jones read part of an article on Dick Eastman and dousing. Fairview Cemetery in League City [records reflects many unmarked graves](#); they have used dousing to find a burial plot. Dousing has also been used to find abandoned water pipes. The League City Historical Society [might also be interested in supporting Eastman's challenge to locate some of the graves in Fairview as an educational program. It was suggested that we team with LCHS and potentially sell tickets to support the event.](#) Tammy didn't know how we could enforce selling a ticket in a public area. Maybe, the group could have lunch at the museum. Several ideas were presented. The fall in early September or October might be a better time to have this kind of a program. Dick Eastman [is looking for a cemetery with unmarked graves that are verifiable to host a filmed demonstration.](#) We could keep the price down with a nominal lunch. Resa asked if the money is in the budget for this. Bill Mayo said no. Alice said that she would let him know [an approximate cost and it would actually be scheduled from next year's budget.](#) Melodey said that Fairview is a 100 year old cemetery. [Alice will discuss the suggested event with LCHS and report back to BAGS on the recommendation. The board voted to support the event but a firm cost was not decided.](#)

Committee Reports:

1. Susie Ganch, Vice-President in Charge of Programs, reported that Ann Decker will be the speaker on Friday. She has a slide show. Do we have the equipment? Jeanine Lawrence usually calls Fausto or whoever is in charge of this in the Church. Bill Mayo drops information off at Jeanine's house to keep her informed.
2. Lynn Finger, Corresponding Secretary, sent a card to Linda Carrington.
3. Melodey Hauch, *Quarterly* Editor, reported that she is working on the *June Quarterly*.
4. Tammy Frey, Registrar, reported that we have 167 members. She asked that we think about Family Memberships. Should it be defined to the people who live at the same address?
5. Neil Miserendino, E-mail Chairman, reported that he has started e-mailing the complete *Newsletter* instead of using an internet link.
6. Neil Miserendino reported that Tammy and Resa are transcribing the cemetery records. The picture has the correct information. The pictures are supposed to be in order. Sometimes, the footstones may be in another row.
7. Mary Martin, County Bus Coordinator, reported that the next trip to the Clayton Library is next week on **Wednesday, June 1**. The rest of the trips are on Wednesday, July 6; Wednesday, August 3; and Wednesday, September 14.
8. We need to tell Linda Carrington that to correct an Internet link on the BAGS website.
9. Resa Hennings, Nominating Committee Chairman handed out a slate of officers: President, **Bill Mayo**; 1st Vice-President, **Shirley Lindquist**; 2nd Vice-President, **Rose Aulenbacher**; Recording Secretary is still open; Corresponding Secretary, **Annette Bowen**; Treasurer, **Loren Martin**; and Registrar, **Deborah Cole**. Resa talked to Polly Swerdlin and a lot of others about Recording Secretary. Neil Miserendino will make a plea for Recording Secretary in the e-mail message, and Tina will make a plea at the meeting on Friday.
10. Susie Ganch should set up programs through December because of the timing when the new officer takes office in September. See if Rose Aulenbacher can set up a program for October.
11. Voting at the next Society Meeting will be by a show of hands for the Bylaws and for the new slate of officers.
12. A brief copy of job descriptions will be put in the Bylaws. Each Board Member should provide a job description at the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Leonard Martin

Recording Secretary